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Congratulations

CLASS OF '55 . . .

Here's a Salute to the Graduating Class of 1955 . . . the time young men and women who in a few days from now will step up and receive diplomas after completing the High School course is nearly at hand. As they step into the ranks of alumni of Alma Mater, we are proud of their achievements, and we will be looking forward to great things from them in the years to come.

There in Appomattox, we are happy that a record number of many high school graduates have young men and women right here at home. Our growing town has need for live, progressive young people, and local business places are always anxious to retain as many as possible of each graduating class right in their home community. This is a marked improvement over conditions of a few years ago, when so many of our school graduates went on to big cities and even other states looking for their careers. Many of them achieved wonderful things . . . but it is a happy sight at a growing community, when we can hire our own opportunities "at the grass roots" level.

The business firms listed on this page stand ready to serve the future citizens graduating this June. Many Appomattox boys have a great sense of the word, and we all work together for the welfare of all.

And in saluting the Graduates, we also lift our hats to the Teachers and officials of our schools. The reward of the teachers must be found in pride of achievement as the pupils show by their careers that they have mastered the arts of life. Appomattox has a corps of hard-working, efficient teachers, and as their approach the summer vacation, we wish them happiness and continued success in the schools years ahead.

So step up, Seniors and Faculty, and take a bow. We are happy for you in your hour of Graduation.

List of Appomattox High School Seniors

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Reconciliation

Lesson for May 22, 1955

Dr. Foreman

re only three possi- when two persons or ed up on opposite e. It may be a , a national crisis, a church, a community Whatever be the cause, the "fence" may be, ually only three ways ngers ded to ne is bet- can mi- can any ch can a l can g war. Another way promise. They can something neither of order to keep the n getting what he side can yield to or because of any but only because of

with both there l either one of them two parties just where Hostilities (cold or both sides. Compromise reasons actually brings to closer together; stay together only so selfishness dictates, and d with apart at the next . There is a better way of reconciliation. religion, it is doubtful true reconciliation ever for it can be fully in the spirit of repent- of all, and is nourished ained only through the t lasts in worship. This, y, is why Christian mar- hold together far better riages between people of to religion. Quarrels oc- ost marriages sooner or ation or not. The battle

history (between the Old New Testaments) when army of the Maccabees the great armies of the kings; the astonishing the "invincible" Arma- enormous naval expedi- Spain, which could never taken by English arms time, was smashed by a on the rocky coasts of the Spaniards intended day what you please, cannot be explained an see "God within keeping watch above

of the Spirit have been victories of th, which can hardly unless you can see picture. When John was born, slavery was granted everywhere in world. You would not people Mr. Woolman could dent in so well-established He had no money, no much education. But laid on his soul a bur- went from one Quak- to another, sharing his of concern for slaves; and -man crusade came opposition to slavery gradual awakening of the conscience everywhere. times, when Walter was a boy, religi- generally supposed to only with a man's soul, business or his poli- ing outside his church Hitlerchenbusch became prophet—attacked, prophets are; but to be heresy in his today in all that the Christian re- concerned with every every interest and re- of life, public and pri-

Lazy a serious mistake to sup- God always rewards the what he will do for us are expected to do our- The story of Hezekiah for us. He felt, and the surely felt, that God had in their time of need; were true. But it should that Hezekiah, faced with , intelligent and ex- measures for defense. He a reliable water supply case of siege, he di- away from the places besieging army was built up the army, new equipment. gate screens he would

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FARM AND HOME NEWS

Virginia Seedsmen to Meet At Mountain Lake May 29-31

Members of the Virginia Seedsmen's Association, professional agricultural workers, and others, will meet in annual session at Mountain Lake, May 29-31.

The event is the sixth of its kind and is co-sponsored by the agronomy department at VPI.

Registration and a fishing rodeo are planned for Sunday. Tours of VPI will be featured Monday. The seedsmen and their guests will have a choice of tours of the campus, horticultural farm, greenhouse area and agronomy farm. Tour chairman will be Dr. H. L. Dunton, Agronomy department head. The welcoming address will be given by VPI President Walter S. Newman.

Banquet speaker at Moutain Lake Monday evening will be Dan Cannady, professor of history, Radford College.

Tuesday's program will feature addresses by Dr. Harry M. Love, head of the VPI agricultural economics department; Dr. Russell Coleman, Washington, D. C., president National Fertilizer Association; and D. U. Livermore, asociate agricultural economist, VPI.

MALATHION GOOD ALL-PURPOSE INSECTICIDE

The chemical malathion is being boosted as a good all-round insecticide.

Jim Smith, County Agent, says it is a close chemical relative of the powerful and poisonous, commercially-used parathion. It has many of the same insecticidal properties, but at the same time is less toxic to men and warm-blooded animals.

Reports of 1954 and previous years indicate malathion to be an effective weapon against a wide range of insects affecting ornamentals, vegetables, and fruits — scales, aphids, alcebugs, mealybugs, some leaf miners, and most leaf-chewing insects.

It seems to come about as close to an "all-purpose" insecticide for home garden use as anything now available. Malathion is on sale at most garden supply stores, under various trade names. Several companies are using the basic chemicals in formulating their garden insecticides.

When using it, read the statement on the package and follow directions. Smith says a few points should be mentioned. The odor is offensive to some people; it is somewhat expensive; it should not be applied to fruits or vegetables later than 10 to 14 days before harvest; and it is poisonous to man and animals and should be used with caution.

Rotational Grazing Ups Yields

Yields of an orchard grass-ladino clover mixture were about 25% higher with a 10-lot rotational grazing system than with a two-lot grazing system in tests at the Middleburg branch of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

Researchers say by following the short grazing periods with long rest periods, it is possible to maintain the species and at the same time get higher yields per acre over a period of years.

Results over the state show that orchard grass - ladino clover mixtures can be maintained with high yields if grazing is started when the height is 8 to 10 inches, and discontinued when the height is about two inches. During the spring months the pasture lots may need a methoxychlor is the only one that should be used if the crop is to be harvested within three weeks of treatment and is to be eaten by animals. It may be slightly less effective against the armyworm than any of the other three materials.

Alfalfa weevil infestations continues to be reported from additional counties. Reports of pea ahid infestations continue, but natural controls such as disease, parasites, and predators, are now reducing numbers in various parts of the state.

The number of different truck-crop and garden insects is increasing and will continue to do so for the rest of the season. Flea beetles seem to be causing the most concern to growers on the Eastern Shore. They are on virtually all crops.

Army Worm Outbreak Reported In Southeastern Virginia

Virginia's first definite armyworm outbreak of the year has been reported in Southeastern Virginia.

Damage reported so far has been only to oats, but the pests will readily attack your small grains and grasses. If the worms remain unchecked, serious damage can be expected.

Outbreaks are expected in other parts of the state, and farmers are alerted to be ready for them.

Spot treatments are often practical when armyworms are found migrating from one crop to another. In such cases the insecticides can be applied to border strips, roadways, and hedge rows around the infested fields.

Toxaphene, TDE, DDT, and methoxychlor at about the rate of two pounds actual material per acre should control the worms effectively. However of these insecticides,

Eastern Stud Ram Sale Set for June 8 and 9

Royalty of the sheep world from 13 states will be at Staunton June 8 and 9 for the 14th annual Eastern Stud Ram Show and sale, largest event of its kind east of the Mississippi, stated Jim Smith, County Agent.

A total of 212 sheep have been consigned. However, only those off the top strata will be sold. Breed quotas are: Hampshire, 15 yearling rams, 15 ram lambs, 15 ewe lambs, 15 yearling lambs — 105 consigned; Suffolk, 10 rams, 10 ewes — 47 consigned; Southdown, 8 rams, 8 ewes — 15 consigned; Shropshire, 8 rams, 8 ewes — 9 consigned; Dorset, 5 yearling rams, 3 ram lambs, 6 yearling ewes, 6 ewe lambs — 37 consigned.

The show will begin at 8 a. m. June 8, with Alec McKenzie, of Oklahoma A&M as a judge, Parke C. Brinkley, Virginia's Commission of Agriculture, will be banquet speaker that evening. The sale starts the next morning at 9:30, with Col. H. Earl Wright, Mt. Gilliead, Ohio, as auctioneer.

In past sales, over 1300 sheep have been sold and over 50 percent have stayed in Virginia. The rest have gone into 40 states. The top sheep in the first sale sold for $570 —which was an unheard-of high price at that time. The top sheep has never gone under that price, and the highest price was $975 for a Hampshire ram. Top price for Southdown was $700, but there have been several other Hampshires going for over $800.

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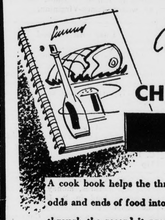

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